

## The Voyage on the Mayflower:

### Brave New Beginnings

I chose this topic because I knew some general, basics facts about the Pilgrims' journey, but wanted to learn more. I was especially interested in what they had to endure on the voyage to North America. I knew that they travelled from England and landed in Plymouth, however I did not know the statistics about the passengers.

For this project I hoped to include information that would strike interest with the other students. I specifically was researching about the actual ship (size, weight, layout) and how any of the Pilgrims were able to survive this journey. I used resources online to do my project. The best source that I found regarding the voyage came from a website from the History Channel. I thought since it was a history network it would provide accurate information. I utilized many of the individual videos that were posted about this topic. The format was interesting to watch and easy to learn from. I was able to visualize the journey while taking notes on the subject at the same time. It was not just about reading long, boring facts. I did not encounter any problems, and was surprised to discover just how hard the Pilgrims had it on the Mayflower. The dimensions of the ship and the fact that they spent an entire winter onboard are just two examples.

I chose to do a drawing of the map depicting the route they took and a drawing of the diagram of the Mayflower. I enjoy doing activities like this, and felt like the other students could see what I was amazed by. They could see that the boat that they traveled in was not like a modern day cruise ship. And by looking at the map, they would know how far

Mayflower Compact. This was signed by 41 men, this was the first document in which American colonists claimed a right to govern themselves. Later that winter they dropped anchor in the Plymouth harbor. Only 53 passengers and half of the crew members survived that winter. Most of the pilgrims had died from illness or from the weather. The Pilgrims would bury the dead in the dark because they didn't want the Native Americans to find out how many they lost. As the weather became more temperent, the Pilgrims started to establish more homes. The Pilgrims decided to call there new home Plymouth, which was named after a port city in England. This is what the journey was like for the Pilgrims sailing across the Atlantic ocean from Plymouth, England to Plymouth, Massachusetts on The Mayflower.

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